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Simon says: Yes to Riders

Former B.C. Lions receiver Geroy Simon laughs during a news conference in Surrey, B.C., on Thursday after the CFL team traded him to the Saskatchewan Roughriders. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Goodbye, Lions.

Two-time Grey Cup champ looks forward to 'exciting opportunity in Saskatchewan'

The longtime face of the B.C. Lions' franchise is heading to Saskatchewan.

Geroy Simon, the CFL's all-time receiving-yards leader, was traded to the Roughriders on Thursday in exchange for receiver Justin Harper and a third-round pick in the 2014 Canadian college draft.

"After many weeks of discussion with Geroy, we have reached a point where we believe it's in the best interest of both parties to move forward with a mutually agreed upon trade," Lions general manager Wally Buono said in a statement. "Geroy's accomplishments as a player are well documented and his work in our community has been outstanding."

Simon, a two-time Grey Cup champ and six-time CFL all-star, has recorded 15,787 yards over his 14-year career.

"My 12 seasons with the B.C. Lions have been the most incredible years of my professional life," Simon said.

"The fans in B.C. have treated me as one of their own since I arrived here in 2001, and I'll never forget it. I'm looking forward to a new and exciting opportunity in Saskatchewan."

Speaking at an availability in Regina, Riders GM Brendan Taman said Simon's talent and experience will help his team.

"Obviously, his on-field play speaks for itself," said Taman. "But the other thing he's going to bring is his leadership. His value to our team on and off the field is going to be immense. Geroy's got some points to prove to a lot of people he still can play. So I think there's a lot of bonuses to doing it.

"We know he's 37. We're aware of that, but Ray Lewis is 37 and he's going to the Super Bowl."

Riders coach Corey Chamblin said Simon will complement Weston Dressler and be a "big veteran presence in the locker-room." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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We Day celebration brings big names to Saskatchewan

Glitz. Martin Sheen, Hedley and Mia Farrow on star-studded lineup

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For the first time ever, Free The Children is bringing We Day to Saskatchewan and they're bringing some familiar faces along for the ride.

Golden Globe winner Martin Sheen and Canadian rockers Hedley are two of the big names the event will bring to Saskatoon's Credit Union Centre on Feb. 27.

Free the Children co-founder Craig Kielburger said in order for students to attend the stadium-sized event, they'll have to earn it through one locally focused act and one globally focused act that encourages positive social change.

"We're incredibly excited. We'll have 15,000 students joining us on Feb. 27 from 300 schools across the province, and they'll all earn their way to be there," said Kielburger. "It's going to be an incredible celebration of the spirit of volunteerism that is so prevalent in this province."

Co-founder of Free the Children Craig Kielburger, left, poses with Degrassi: The Next Generation cast members Luke Bilyk and Aislinn Paul alongside Lee Knafelc, vice-president of human resources and administration with PotashCorp, at Thursday's We Day announcement. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

At the announcement, which happened at St. Joseph's High School in Saskatoon, were cast members from the Canadian series Degrassi: The Next Generation. Luke Bilyk, who plays the character of Andrew "Drew" Torres, said it's important for kids to understand they can have influence.

"It's amazing when you see kids helping kids — it empowers them," said Bilyk.

PotashCorp, the regional title sponsor for the event, recently made a three-year, $9.6-million commitment to Free the Children that ensures We Day will be an annual occurrence in the province.

"We're all about the community and being local, but we're also a global company and we want to have that global reach," said Lee Knafelc, vice-president of human resources and administration with PotashCorp. "Food security is just such a perfect fit for us; it's such a huge issue for the world and we want to be a part of that solution."

Reduced visibility

Man dies in train collision

A man is dead after a grader was struck by an eastbound CN train at roughly 9 a.m. Thursday.

The collision, which happened near Paynton, Sask., resulted in the driver of the grader being killed and several of the train tankers, some of which were carrying crude oil, and the locomotive becoming derailed.

A release from the RCMP said visibility at the time of the collision was good and the investigation is ongoing.

Information from the province said the train and the grader collided at a rail crossing and that CN Rail has deployed its emergency-response team.

The province also said the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of the Economy has been notified and is assisting with the situation.

The RCMP is not releasing the name of the man, but they have informed the next of kin about the death.

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Extra beds needed

City hospitals face overcrowding

A combination of demand and outbreaks of norovirus has created overcrowding problems at Saskatoon's Royal University and St. Paul's hospital.

The health region says it has opened temporary beds in the hospitals to move patients out of emergency faster.

But it says those temporary units are also full.

The situation has forced the region to move some patient beds into the hallways.

The problem is made worse because long-term-care facilities are full and people are in hospital waiting for placement in those facilities.

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Need work? Female? How about a job in politics?

Women gaining ground. Federal government list compares number of women in politics across Canada

JANE CAULFIELD
Metro in Saskatoon

"I don't think I want to use the word 'difficult.' It's just different for women," June Draude says of being a woman in politics. The minister of social services is shown in November at the groundbreaking for an affordable-housing project in Saskatoon. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO IN SASKATOON

With Saskatchewan ranking ninth on a national list comparing the number of female legislators, the province's 11 female MLAs can add "role model" to their resumé.

"It's been encouraging that we now see more women that are leading their parties, which does help other women because it does show them role models," said Clare Beckton, executive director of the Centre for Women in Politics and Public Leadership at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Parliament released the list yesterday. It ranks Quebec at the top, with 32.8 per cent of women occupying available seats in the legislature. The Northwest Territories sits at the bottom of the list, with 10.5 per cent.

"The more women that we can see winning elections and being in position, in time women will come to think of it, and men, that it's normal and natural to have as many women (in government) as men," Beckton said.

June Draude, who has been in politics for 17 years, said getting more women involved is about focusing on the opportunities, rather than barriers.

"I don't think I want to use the word 'difficult.' It's just different for women," said Draude, minister of social services in Saskatchewan. "There are always things that could be seen as a barrier, but there are always things that are opportunities, as well.

"It's more about getting women to think of this as an opportunity where they can see themselves as part of a system that hasn't had a lot of women there."

How they stack up

The number of female legislators across Canada:

- **Quebec:** 41 of 125 (32.8%)
- **British Columbia:** 27 of 85 (31.76%)
- **Yukon:** 6 of 19 (31.6%)
- **Manitoba:** 16 of 57 (28%)
- **Ontario:** 30 of 107 (28%)
- **Alberta:** 23 of 87 (26.4%)
- **Nova Scotia:** 12 of 52 (23%)
- **Prince Edward Island:** 6 of 27 (22.2%)
- **Saskatchewan:** 11 of 58 (19%)
- **Newfoundland and Labrador:** 8 of 48 seats (16.7%)
- **Nunavut:** 3 of 19 (15.8%)
- **New Brunswick:** 7 of 55 (12.7%)
- **Northwest Territories:** 2 of 19 (10.5%)

Source: Parliament of Canada

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No promise of tax freeze as property values soar

Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter says Saskatchewan property taxes have jumped 67 per cent over the past four years. He said on Thursday at the legislature that the province would do its best not to raise taxes. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

If you own property in Saskatchewan, chances are it is worth a lot more now than it was just four years ago.

The province says the overall value of property in Saskatchewan has risen by 67 per cent over the past four years. The assessment of property has grown to $97 billion in the 2013 revaluation year from $58 billion in 2009.

"I think that's good news. That's a sign of a growing economy," Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said.

"Of course, the other side of the equation is people are concerned about what effect that's going to have on property tax."

Both municipalities and the provincial government set property-tax rates, with the province setting the education portion to pay for kindergarten to Grade 12.

A taxing matter

"People are concerned about what effect that's going to have on property tax."
Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter on increasing property values

Reiter says the province is going to take a look at ways to lessen the impact of the increase.

"Essentially, it's going to be where the mill rate gets set for the various property classes," he said on Thursday at the legislature.

"There's a lot of moving parts to this process, so we've got a lot of work to do yet during the budget process. But the obvious one is, we will be lowering the mill rates from where they currently are. The question is how much."

The current mill rate on residential properties is 9.51, so that means people pay $9.51 for every $1,000 of property value.

It was only a matter of a few years ago that the province began setting the education property tax. School divisions used to do it, but in 2009 the government changed the system to implement a provincewide mill rate for education property tax.

Reiter said the province would do its best, but added he "certainly won't promise that there won't be a tax increase."

"I can't give you a dollar amount. We're still too far away from determining that," he said.

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Budget cuts

Winter access, services put on ice at national parks

Several of Canada's national parks, long celebrated by the federal government as an "integral part of the Canadian identity," have shut down winter services because of budget cuts.

The move, which followed a $29.2-million funding reduction, has forced some rural communities to do their own snow clearing with Parks Canada machines to continue taking part in activities and attracting tourists.

Affected parks include Point Pelee in southern Ontario, Riding Mountain in Manitoba, Prince Albert in Saskatchewan and Elk Island in Alberta. The parks are technically open, but access points and trails are unplowed, visitor centres closed and emergency services sparse.

Parks Canada said budget constraints forced them to evaluate how much the parks were being used during the off-season. He said some people like the concept of the park being open in the winter, but they don't in fact go there.

"What are the services that people are asking us to give? How many are actually participating in it? And then we have a decision to make," said Andrew Campbell, vice-president of visitor experience.

"Does this actually make sense to spend tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars on a service that is offered to a couple of hundred people?"

But Nancy Wood-Archer, owner of the Hawood Inn inside Prince Albert National Park, disagrees with the characterization of the parks as poorly used during the winter.

"The three year-round businesses in our community are all owned and run by Saskatchewan families," Wood-Archer said.

Local communities around Riding Mountain and Prince Albert National Park in Saskatchewan were so intent on using the parks, they convinced Parks Canada to allow volunteers to operate federal trail-grooming machines. In Prince Albert, that means 50 kilometres out of 180 kilometres will be groomed, Wood-Archer said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

India. Rape-and-murder trial starts behind closed doors in fast-track court

The trial of five men charged with the rape and murder of a 23-year-old student on a New Delhi bus began Thursday with opening arguments by the prosecution in a special fast-track court set up just weeks ago to handle sexual-assault cases.

A sixth suspect has claimed he is a juvenile and is expected to be tried in a juvenile court.

On Thursday, a magistrate separately rejected a petition by Subramanian Swamy, a prominent politician, that no leniency be shown toward the accused who claims to be a juvenile because of the brutal nature of the crime, said Jagdish Shetty, an aide to Swamy.

Magistrate Geetanjali Goel is expected to rule on the suspect's age on Jan. 28.

Since Friday is a public holiday in India, the next hearing in the case was set for Monday, when the defence will present its opening arguments.

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Gag order

The courtroom was closed to the public and the media — a routine move in Indian rape cases — even though defence lawyers had argued that since the victim is dead, the proceedings should be opened.

Cloud Atlas

Chinese censors slash love scenes

Nearly 40 minutes have been chopped from the film Cloud Atlas for Chinese audiences, deleting both gay and straight love scenes to satisfy censors despite a public that increasingly chafes at censorship.

China allows only 34 foreign films to be shown each year in its movie theatres, which don't have a classification system. All movies must be acceptable to adults and children of any age. Censors also target anything that portrays China or the Chinese in a negative light.

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Military 'more powerful' with women: Pentagon

There are 48 women presently working on the front lines in Afghanistan, deployed as the second Female Engagement team. PAULA BRONSTEIN/GETTY IMAGES

Front-line combat.
Lifting the U.S. ban on female fighters will take time to implement

Allowing women to serve in combat roles will strengthen the U.S. military's ability to win wars, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said Thursday, shortly before his official announcement of the landmark lifting of the ban.

"Our military is more capable, and our force is more powerful, when we use all of the great diverse strengths of the American people," Panetta said.

President Barack Obama supports the Pentagon's decision and believes the country should continue to remove "unnecessary gender-based barriers to service," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters.

The decision presents a daunting challenge to military leaders who will have to decide which, if any, jobs they believe should be open only to men.

Women comprise about 14 per cent of the 1.4 million active military personnel.

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Problem of respect

Ban tied to sexual assault

The top U.S. military officer says he believes the rise in sexual assaults in the military can be linked to the longstanding ban on women serving in combat.

Gen. Martin Dempsey said Thursday the problem is due partly to the military's separate classes of personnel — male "warriors" versus the rest.

Dempsey says the issue is more complicated than that but he indicates the disparity between the roles of men and women has created a psychology that lends itself to disrespect.

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Ford to hear verdict Friday morning

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford will learn Friday morning if the courts have ejected him from office midway through his four-year term.

The news as to whether a divisional court panel has upheld or nullified a lower-court ruling that Ford breached the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act will be made public at 10:30 a.m.

If Ford loses, Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday will take over temporarily and council will vote on how to pick the next mayor.

Rob Ford
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'It's appalling'

Brampton boy, 9, fatally shot while watching TV

A nine-year-old boy was sitting in his living room watching TV when he was fatally shot in the head with a bullet fired from outside his house, police said Thursday.

Kesean Williams, a Grade 4 student, was shot Wednesday night and died hours later of his injuries in hospital. No arrests have been made yet, but police believe the house in Brampton was targeted.

Kesean, his 15-year-old brother and his mother moved into that house last week, said Peel Regional Police Acting Supt. George Koekkoek.

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Missing Canadians

Weather hampers rescue attempt

A rescue flight on its way to a group of Canadians on a missing plane in Antarctica has had to turn around due to bad weather that isn't expected to improve until at least early Friday.

But those who know the pilot of the downed Twin Otter say that if anyone would know how to get through, it would be Bob Heath. "He's a bit of a living legend up (north)," said friend Sebastien Seykora.

The airplane began transmitting signals from its emergency locator beacon early Wednesday. Aircraft tried twice to spot it in the mountainous area where it went down, but failed due to heavy cloud. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spence signs declaration opening new chapter for First Nations

Spence vs. Brazeau

Journalist captures Twitter tussle

Chief Theresa Spence and Sen. Patrick Brazeau exchanged 140-character insults Thursday morning.

Spence was in hospital, but a tweet from the @ChiefTheresa Twitter account called Brazeau a "typical colonized Indian asshole" in response to his criticism of Idle No More.

The tweet has since been deleted, but a screenshot was captured by Saskatchewan reporter Jeremy Warren.

The pugilistic senator immediately hit back, referring to the comment as a "traditional angry victim speech."

A First Nations senator from Quebec and former chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Brazeau has been an outspoken opponent of Spence and the Idle No More movement.

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE

Political struggle. Vow to improve conditions for aboriginals agreed upon by chiefs, federal opposition parties

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence emerged from hospital Thursday to sign the First Nations declaration that ended her hunger protest after six long weeks — a period during which Stephen Harper barely uttered her name.

Indeed, for a crisis that just two weeks ago had the prime minister squarely at its centre, it seemed a weary and chaotic finale, one largely devoid of anti-Harper vitriol.

The Cree leader, who hadn't had solid food since Dec. 11, spent most of the day recovering in hospital, only to show up unannounced at a celebration that brought First Nations chiefs from across the country.

A chanting, drumming crowd greeted her at a downtown Ottawa hotel, where she thanked family, friends and supporters for their backing during the six chilly weeks she spent on Victoria Island, just upstream from Parliament Hill.

She suggested she now intends to step back from the political struggle.

"There you go, chiefs, you take over and I'll be part of the audience sometimes, so I'll be watching you guys," Spence said, calling for unity among First Nations leaders.

"It's time to really stay together no matter what hardship that we go through, and no matter what the government intends to do to us to divide us. Always remember that we're here together and we're here for our people, especially the youth."

Emissaries from federal opposition parties kept a low profile at the second ceremony, where Spence herself signed the declaration that had been so painstakingly crafted to bring her protest to a conclusion.

The end came as other chiefs and federal opposition parties vowed to take up her cause of treaty implementation and improved conditions on reserves. And it followed careful negotiation by interim Liberal leader Bob Rae.

Rae said he was concerned some days ago that there was a risk of the whole effort "going off the rails" if Spence didn't call a stop to her protest. He said he told Spence: "It's everyone's struggle. But no one should die."

The chiefs and the politicians signed the 13-point declaration committing them to seeking immediate improvements to native housing and education; a meeting of First Nations chiefs, the prime minister and Governor General; and full implementation of treaty and aboriginal rights within five years.

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Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, right, takes part in a celebration after ending her hunger strike. She sits with fellow hunger-striker Raymond Robinson in Ottawa on Thursday after being released from hospital following an overnight stay. She was held for observation after she ended her six-week hunger protest. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

National interest

A new poll suggests Canadians remain confused by the efforts of aboriginal activists and leaders to improve their relationship with the rest of Canada.

- **40%.** The Canadian Press/Harris-Decima survey found just four in 10 respondents were both familiar with and sympathetic to the Idle No More cause.
- **Sympathy.** Almost two in three respondents who were aware of the movement's goals said they were sympathetic, with Atlantic Canada and British Columbia residents most likely to be supportive.

The Old Dogs. Hockey old-timers rescue woman, dog

An old-timers hockey team hit the ice as darkness fell Wednesday, but they weren't chasing a puck.

The Old Dogs jumped into action and probably saved the lives of a woman and two dogs after they plunged into the water from a ledge of ice along the Thompson River.

Team members were having a few beers with a clear view of the riverfront a stone's throw away when they saw the woman and the dogs break through the ice.

"We were just trying to help the young lady out of the river when she went in," Bert Kant told the Kamloops Daily News while drying out after his January dip.

"I missed the Polar Bear Swim," he quipped.

Kathryn Easton was walking her brother's dog along the shore when the animal fell into the river. With another, smaller dog on her shoulders, she tried to rescue the canine on her own.

"That water's cold and it's running. It could have been a catastrophe," said Yvonne Johnson, another witness.

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Inquiry. Guard scolded for helping Ashley Smith

A correctional officer who scrambled to cut a ligature from the neck of a teenaged inmate as she turned dark purple was reprimanded for his efforts, an inquest into her death heard Thursday.

In fact, an emotional Blaine Phibbs testified a prison manager warned him he could be formally disciplined or even charged criminally if he went into Ashley Smith's cell again under similar circumstances.

Video of the incident played for the inquest showed Phibbs and other guards entering Smith's segregation cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., about a month before she finally strangled herself.

"He told me there was no reason to go into the cell. As long as she was breathing, we were not to go into her cell."

Phibbs said he had difficulty cutting the ligature from her neck. The apparent life-saving measures only brought rebuke. Management insisted that what had taken place was "borderline excessive use of force," according to Phibbs.

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McDonald's says the Alaskan pollock used in its Filet-O-Fish sandwiches will come from suppliers with sustainable fishing practices. The move reflects growing concern among consumers about the source of their seafood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

There's nothing fishy about these sandwiches

Sustainable sourcing. Ecolabel will certify that Alaskan pollock in McDonald's Filet-O-Fish is from ethical suppliers

McDonald's says it will be the first U.S. national restaurant chain to carry a label from a group that certifies sustainable fishing practices.

The blue "ecolabel" from the Marine Stewardship Council certifies that the Alaskan pollock used in McDonald's Filet-O-Fish sandwiches comes from suppliers with sustainable fishing practices.

Major retail chains including Walmart and Whole Foods already use the council's label. The non-profit group is paid a royalty fee from companies that use its label. For McDonald's, that means the fee would be based on sales of its fish offerings, such as the Filet-O-Fish and the Fish McBites that will be launched as a limited-time offer next month.

The Marine Stewardship Council, which has its international base in London, has about 300 fisheries in its program, representing 12 to 14 per cent of the world's fisheries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nortel assets. Talks to settle creditor claims fail to reach agreement

Efforts to divide up nearly $9 billion in assets from the now-bankrupt Nortel Networks Corp. ended Thursday without an agreement.

A spokesman for the talks says Ontario Chief Justice Warren Winkler, who was leading the proceedings, has concluded that further efforts at mediation were no longer worthwhile.

The negotiations began in Toronto on Jan. 14 and were supposed to conclude that week. They were extended twice.

This was the third attempt at settling claims against the former telecom manufacturing giant's business lines and intellectual property by about 100 creditors around the world, including companies in 20 countries on every continent except Antarctica.

The myriad creditors include Nortel pensioners, disabled former employees, bond holders, trade creditors and governments.

It was not immediately clear what next steps would be taken. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail

Target to sell Roots clothing at Canadian stores

Clothing from Roots will be available at Target for a limited time when the retailer comes to Canada this spring. Target, expected to open stores north of the border in March and April, announced its list of partners and limited collections on Thursday. Target is also touting a women's apparel collection from stylist Kate Young, to be on offer from April 14 to the end of May.
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Carriers to support 911 texts for disabled users

Canadian wireless carriers must make changes to their networks and systems to support 911 emergency text messages from hearing- and speech-impaired persons who have pre-registered for the service, the country's federal telecom regulator said Thursday.
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Household debt

More Canadians keeping up with loan payments

Canadians are paying off their debts faster, with the number of those more than three months behind on loan payments dropping to a record low, according to a report Thursday from Equifax Canada. The latest National Credits Trends study by the credit-monitoring firm found the percentage of unpaid non-mortgage debt past-due more than 90 days was 1.19 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2012.
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Security breach

U.K. regulator fines Sony over PlayStation attack

British regulators have fined Sony about $396,000 US for failing to prevent a 2011 cyberattack on its PlayStation Network that put millions of users' personal information — including names, addresses, birth dates and account passwords — at risk.
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Immigration. New visa program aims to attract startups, entrepreneurs

A new program designed to lure startup companies and entrepreneurs to Canada will launch in April.

The startup visa will be limited to those who already have the backing of a venture capital firm in Canada.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says it's aimed at enticing the best and brightest minds around the world to start new businesses in Canada.

The government will grant a maximum of 2,750 visas a year for each of the five years of the pilot program.

But Kenney says he only expects to see a few hundred people come through the program in the first year as companies figure out how it works.

The program is billed as the first of its kind because it offers applicants permanent residency, as opposed to programs in other countries that only offer temporary status.

The new visa seeks to replace two older immigration programs aimed at would-be business owners. The investor program and entrepreneur program were put on hold after the government decided they weren't luring enough real business to Canada.

But some caught up in a backlog of applications under those old programs are now suing the government, demanding their applications be processed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

2,750

The government will grant a maximum of 2,750 visas a year for each of the five years of the pilot program.

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Hushed digits

App lets Android users cut down on roaming charges

Just-released made-in-Canada technology gives Android users the ability to buy anonymous phone numbers for a day, a week or a few months. "Ultimately, everybody in the world should have a second phone number," said Justin Shimoon, co-founder and CEO of AffinityClick Inc.

Shimoon and partner Timo Mika Glasser launched Hushed, the Android answer to Apple's Burner application, this week. Unlike Burner, which is available only in North America, Hushed is available in 40 countries.

That means someone in Toronto could buy a Japanese phone number and use it as a local number while travelling in Japan instead of buying roaming packages.

Companies, Shimoon said, have bought 50 or 100 phone numbers to turn into global offices or for their employees' travelling mobile phones.

The Hushed numbers work on data networks, rather than phone lines. The app, available through the Google Play app store, is free but each phone number costs $1.99.
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OBAMA, MISS O AND OLD KIDS

THE LIST
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1 OCD4SH. I Mother Earth's Brian Byrne is raising awareness about his OCD4SH campaign, a collaboration between his clothing company OCD Collective and the autism foundation Surfers Healing. Through T-shirts designed by the likes of Raine Maida and George Stroumboulopoulos, money raised through sales helps send autistic kids to a therapeutic family surf camp in Cali.

2 Superbaugh. The Super Bowl between the San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Ravens will see two brothers coaching against each other for the first time in Super Bowl history! John Harbaugh runs the Ravens; his younger brother, Jim, mans the 49ers. Jim, ever the strategic thinker, must be saying to John, "Yo, bro, remember I'm your kid brother. Take it easy. It's only a game."

3 Beth Reeks. Further evidence the Internet is the place to get your start: 17-year-old Beth Reeks has signed a three-book deal with Random House after her young-adult romance The Kissing Booth became a hit online. The book will now be published in paperback this spring. Reeks, the new teen queen of romance, is a young E L James — minus the erotica.

4 Red Pashmina. This grassroots campaign that started out of Peterborough, Ont., to empower and raise money for women in Afghanistan, has now attracted the attention of the UN. The two women behind the bright red scarves, Maryam Monsef and Jessica Melnik, are invited to speak at a United Nations summit in N.Y. on the status of women in March.

5 Obama. Beyoncé sang a rousing — though apparently lip-synced — rendition of the national anthem, but the real star Monday on the Capitol steps was Barack Obama, who publicly began his second term as president at his inauguration in front of 800,000 spectators chanting "O-ba-ma!" "Now, more than ever, we must do these things as one nation, as one people," he said. He has four years left to make it happen.

6 Gretzky + Leafs? Social media went nuts this week when a show on The Fan 590 discussed the rumour Wayne Gretzky might be taking over as president of the Toronto Maple Leafs, a position left vacant after the recent firing of Brian Burke. Now if this ever happened, wow. If Gretzky can't save the Leafs, no one can.

7 Arisa Cox. Many of you might remember her from the 2001 Canadian reality series The Lofters (I do). So this week when Arisa Cox was named host for the first Big Brother Canada, which debuts Feb. 27th on Slice, it made perfect sense. After all, she knows exactly what it's like to live 24-7 with other strangers while the camera watches.

8 Kutcher at Macworld. Next week is the Macworld/iWorld conference in San Francisco, and Ashton Kutcher will be there to speak about what it's like playing Steve Jobs in the biopic on the Apple icon that is slated for April release. The best part would be if Kutcher actually showed up in character as Jobs. Now that would go viral.

9 Miss O. The Oprah Effect hit Western Canada as she made appearances in Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, talking about everything from the weather — bloody cold! — to the lessons she's learned in life. "Every day you get to paint on the canvas that is your life," she told a sold-out crowd Monday night at Rexall Place in Edmonton. Who's better at motivating than Oprah?

10 Butt Out. This week is Non-Smoking Week in Canada, a campaign that has been running for 30 years. It's great to see so many people talking about #nonsmoking on Twitter. I quit almost 13 years ago. If you're thinking about stopping, go for it. You can do it. Don't let nicotine rule your life.

11 Man bandz. When boy bands grow up, they lose a little hair up top, gain a little more on their backs — and reunite sometimes. Yes, NKOTB, 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men are teaming up this spring and stopping in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. As Old Kid — er, New Kid — Donnie Wahlberg said in a statement: "Ladies, we're coming for you." Yes, it won't be girls this time.

12 Steve Nash. Captain Canada was given a loud ovation Sunday during player introductions at the ACC in Toronto. But then he and his Lakers played flat (again) in a loss to the Raptors. There are those who still wish he had signed with the Raptors during the off-season. But it's become apparent a 38-year-old Nash in the twilight of his career might not have been the right ending for this national treasure.

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I've got worms ... you want some?

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Tastes like chicken?

Mopane worms a rare delicacy

Sihle Nkomo begins to prepare harvested mopane worms at her home in Gwanda, Zimbabwe.

In Zimbabwe, as well as most parts of southern Africa, mopane worms are a staple part of the diet in rural areas and are considered a delicacy in the cities. They can be eaten dry, as crunchy as potato chips, or cooked and drenched in sauce.

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Gastronomical goodness

- A Zimbabwean nutritionist, Marlon Chidemo, says the worms are high in healthy nutrients and contain three times the amount of protein as beef.
- He says eating worms is less taxing on the environment than consuming beef because it takes far fewer leaves to produce worms than it does feed to produce the same amount of beef.

Slinging slugs

Get to know the quality of grubs

At the local market, mopane worms are quite popular with residents who buy a cup or two of them and eat them immediately.

The market is abuzz with activity, with most stalls strategically displaying the delicacy so people cannot miss them. Vendors offer free samples. The mopane worms are graded according to size and the area where they were harvested.

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Mopane around

- Dried mopane worms have become a multimillion-dollar industry, even exported to countries like South Africa and Botswana. They can be found in African restaurants in Paris.
- The worm is the large caterpillar of the Gonimbrasia belina species. It got its name from chomping the leaves of mopane trees.

Worth Mentioning

J.J. Abrams set to direct next instalment of Star Wars, to be released in 2015

Another universe of sci-fi fans has been put in the hands of J.J. Abrams.

According to multiple trade reports, J.J. Abrams is set to direct the next instalment of Star Wars, which Disney has said will be Episode 7 and due out in 2015. Disney bought Star Wars maker Lucasfilm last month for $4.06 billion.

The Emmy-award-winning director has also captained the reboot of Star Trek for rival studio Paramount Pictures, with the next instalment in that series, Star Trek: Into Darkness, set to hit theatres May 17.

Citing unnamed sources, the news was reported earlier by Hollywood trade outlets The Wrap, The Hollywood Reporter and Daily Variety.

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Twitter

@SaskGregger:
Sorry I can't be anyone's #sugar-daddy I lack the disposable income. Big time.

@Brynrk:
I've been back to winter biking the last couple of days, errands here and there. Love it! #yxebike

@djcharlyhustle:
thank you #yxe downtown...you've sure made this guy feel special today. SMILES. #magnoliasalon #starbucks

@wapimaskwa69:
New #yxe transit buses are equipped with a "wave like a Jedi" sensor, lots of people failing the reading comprehension and pushing the door

@JaniceBraden:
Day 3 of no water in Chez Braden. I just want my first world conditions back. #yxe #watermainbreak

@superstartsky:
Yesterday night I saw a kid attempting to skateboard on a sidewalk. Only in #SK #yxe

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Jason Statham stars in Parker — a movie without a lot of payoff. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Heist gone all wrong

Bad + Bad = Bad. Steve Gow joins Richard Crouse this week to help him call out Parker for being a mistake-ridden flop of a film

Richard: Steve, the most shocking thing about Parker is that Jason Statham has hair in the opening scene. His usually close-cropped do is hidden under a wig that makes him look a bit like George Clooney's English brother. Other than that, this is as by-the-book as it gets. Did you buy into the story at all?

Steve: Not really. But as shocking as Statham is brandishing a wig as Donald E. Westlake's popular revenge-seeking character, he wasn't half as unconvincing as Jennifer Lopez when she pops up as the desperate, danger-seeking real estate agent. Was that bad casting or just a bad character?

RC: Her character is baffling. As a pseudo-love interest and almost co-conspirator, she's as grating as her co-star Nick Nolte's voice. If an Emery board could speak, it would sound like the rasp Nolte's vocal chords produce these days. For me, though, the moral of the movie is really skewed. The movie is so intent on selling the idea that the vengeful killer is really a good guy that a character at the end actually wonders if he is some kind of angel. Could it be that in this world bad + bad = good?

SG: I suppose Jason Statham is today's ideal mainstream anti-hero. After all, as mediocre as most of his films are, director Taylor Hackford is at least consistent in delivering what Statham does best — look sinister and kick butt. However, as absurdly indestructible as he is here, the film is too morose to be much fun.

RC: Statham is consistent, I'll give you that. He has two characters: Statham Character number one in which he plays a loner with a past who must protect a loved one and Statham Character number two, which is the loner with a past who must protect a youthful innocent. Here he's playing number one. The loved one is money, although there are a number of other characters that could easily have taken the place of the greenbacks.

SG: I agree. Concentrating on a compelling sidekick almost surely would've helped solve the questionably ineffectual supporting cast here.

One last thing — what kind of a name is Parker anyhow? That lame moniker sounds like Statham should be serving high tea and crumpets to the Crawley family on Downton Abbey, not cracking the skulls of crooked criminals.

Synopsis

After a daring robbery goes bad, thief Parker (Jason Statham) is double-crossed and left for dead. But because the movie is called Parker, he doesn't succumb to the gunshot wounds. Instead, he vows to put things right between him and the gang who cheated him out of his $200,000 split of the loot. "If you make a deal, both sides have to honour it, otherwise there's chaos," he says. "And I won't let chaos take over my life." Except that things get chaotic when he hatches an elaborate plan, involving his real estate agent (Jennifer Lopez), to get vengeance and his money.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Steve: ●●○○○

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Hoult: Undead man talking

Warm Bodies. Actor shares what it's like to take on a role that requires only one facial expression

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Nicholas Hoult has tackled trying to get the girl when you're an awkward tween (in About a Boy), a ruthless high-schooler (in TV's Skins) and a blue-haired mutant (in X-Men: First Class). But those challenges pale in comparison to Warm Bodies, in which he tries to win over a girl (Teresa Palmer) despite the fact that he's a flesh-eating zombie.

How tough is it doing a role that's basically one facial expression for most of the film?
Surprisingly easy, actually (laughs). Narrows down your options and what you have to do at work, and not a lot of dialogue to learn, which is beautiful. But yeah, I read the script and I was like, "This could be a cool film," and then I was like, "Oh, it's kind of tricky, though, isn't it? You don't get to say a lot, and you've got to move and act like a zombie, but you've also got to have this audience care for you and want you to succeed and have this girl care for you enough and fall for you, and there's a lot to do." With Teresa, it was just basically watching her do scenes the whole time, her just doing monologue after monologue and then I'd go, "Yeah, keep you safe. Hungry. Eat, whatever."

Have you heard every zombie joke in the world at this point?
You know what, I've made a few terrible ones myself. I've said, like, "Oh, he's a character I really liked and wanted to bring to life." Idiot. I said of the scenes with me and Rob Corddry, "I found it really difficult not to corpse" (which is British slang for laughing during a scene). So I've made a few terrible zombie jokes, but I haven't actually been on the receiving end of that many so far.

OK, zombies versus vampires. Where do you stand?
Who would win in a fight? Or the transition from vampire to zombie time?

As far as pop culture.
You know what? I'm trying to think. Aside from Twilight, what other vampire films have there been particularly recently? That's the prominent one. To be honest with you, I would probably have to go with the zombie thing just because I really like Shaun of the Dead and Zombieland and those sort of things, and 28 Days Later and stuff, so I think I'd go for the zombie — and not just because I played one in this film.

After having done this film, do you think you'd have trouble getting excited about doing a more traditional romantic comedy?
I don't know. I mean, I'm a sucker for a rom-com.
You know, you feel good and you get all gooey. But
I wouldn't want to do one of those ones that's very run of the mill, out of the box, off you go, pay $10 to go and see it and then sit there and nothing new happens. So it's tricky. I'd like to be able to do all types of films. Action, drama, romance, all of them.

Nicholas Hoult finds the apple of his undead eye in Warm Bodies. HANDOUT

I don't think anyone's going to try to stop you.
So far. Not with force yet, anyway.

Just this year you've got films in several different genres coming out.
Yeah, I've got a fairy tale family adventure movie, Jack the Giant Slayer. There's mild peril. There's giants that want to eat humans, so you know, I wouldn't take a really young kid to it.

Drama

Rust and Bone

Director. Jacques Audiard

Stars. Marion Cotillard, Matthias Schoenaerts and Armand Verdure

Vagrant Ali is given custody of his son when his wife is found to have used the five-year-old as a drug mule. Ali's irresponsible, angry and impoverished, working the criminal fringes as an itinerant security guard and wrestler, hardly the ideal parent. But he meets Stéphanie, who lost both legs in an aquarium whale attack, and discovers his selflessness, long buried. Ali and Stéphanie's stories are the dramatic bones of the film, but its heart is the shadowy figure of the little boy.
ANNE BRODIE

Jason Momoa relishes Rocky sucker punch

Bullet to the Head. Brawly actor isn't a stranger to tough guy roles, but even he was star-struck working with Sylvester Stallone

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Jason Momoa stars in Bullet to the Head, opening next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

A glance at Jason Momoa's IMDB page reveals that he is best known for playing roles described as a "vengeful barbarian warrior" or "powerful warlord." The burly six-foot-four-inch actor is famous for roles in Conan the Barbarian and Game of Thrones and often plays tough guys.

Next up he plays a muscle-bound mercenary in Bullet to the Head, an action flick the Hollywood Reporter called "beefy, brainless fun."

It's another case of typecasting, perhaps, but it did give him the chance to go mano-a-mano with one of the masters of the genre, Sylvester Stallone.

"You can't say enough good things about Stallone," says the Hawaiian-born hunk. "Truly, he is an icon. A legend, and so good at what he does."

Momoa even went through a special initiation rite courtesy of the superstar.

While shooting an epic fight scene on the film's New Orleans set, the older actor suggested he "tune me up" with a couple of real looking hits. Promising to pull his punches, Stallone instead landed a "monstrous" knock to the younger actor's side. Second take, same thing — "He just crumbled me," Momoa says — and that's the shot that made it into the film.

"He got me a couple of times," Momoa says. "He's the old bull. It's fun to get in there. I'm 30 years younger than him, so it's cool. Rocky punching me in the ribs. It's like a shout from the rock."

But how does someone raise a family when their day job is pretending to decapitate people on screen? Momoa, who has a young daughter and son with actress Lisa Bonet, says his family always comes to visit when he's working.

"My daughter was actually on set when I ripped a guy's throat out on Game of Thrones," he says. "It's hilarious. She was with the wardrobe lady, knitting. I said, 'Are you OK sweetie?' She said, 'Yeah Papa,' and went on knitting."

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Broken City (14A) Fri 7:55-10:25 Sat 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:55-10:25 Sun 2-4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (18A) No Passes Fri 7:50-10:15 No Passes Sat 12:55-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 No Passes Sun 3:10-5:30-7:50-10 No Passes Mon-Tue 5:55-8:10 No Passes Wed 1:25-5:55-8:10 No Passes Thu 5:55-8:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 8:05 Sat 12:35-4:20-8:05 Sun 1:20-4:55-8:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
The Impossible (14A) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-10:10 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 6-8:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sat 9:35 Sun 9:25 Mon 8 Tue 7:55 Wed-Thu 8
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 7:10-9:55 Sat 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:55 Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:25
Skyfall (PG) Fri 6:55-10 Sat 12:50-3:50-6:55-10 Sun 2:10-5:15-8:20 Mon-Tue 5:20-8:20 Wed 1:10-5:20-8:20 Thu 5:20-8:20
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (G) Fri 7 Sat 2-4:30-7 Sun 1:45-4:20-6:55 Mon-Tue 5:35 Wed 1:20-5:35 Thu 5:35

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La Bayadere - Bolshoi Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55
Django Unchained (14A) Fri 7-10:40 Sat 11:40-3:25-7-10:40 Sun 1:40-5:20-9 Mon-Thu 8:30
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Gangster Squad (14A) Fri 4:55-7:35-10:25 Sat 11:30-2:05-4:55-7:35-10:25 Sun 2:05-4:55-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:25
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Life of Pi 3D (G) Fri 4:10-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Mama (14A) Fri 5:45-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:55-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:45 Sun 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 8:05-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: La Clemenza Di Tito Encore (G) Sat 11:55
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 6:30-10 Sat 3:05-6:30-10 Sun 5-8:30 Mon 9:45 Tue-Thu 7:30
Movie 43 (14A) Fri 5:25-7:50-10:10 Sat 12:20-2:50-7:50-10:10 Sun 2:50-5-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:10
Parker (14A) Fri 4:45-7:45-10:30 Sat 11-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
This Is 40 (14A) Fri 4-7:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7-10
WWE Royal Rumble - 2013 (STC) Sun 7:05
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 7:10-10:30 Sat 3:35-7:10-10:30 Sun 1:30-5:10-8:45 Mon-Thu 8:15

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Anna Karenina (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
Lincoln (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 4-9:15 Mon-Thu 9:15
Rust and Bone (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-7-9:30 Mon 7-9:30 Tue 9:30 Wed-Thu 7-9:30
Vishwaroopam (STC) Sun 3:15

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Argo (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:30 Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:10
Flight (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:40-7:45
The Guilt Trip (PG) Fri 1:45-4:15-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:45-4:15-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:15-7:30-9:55
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:10-4:40-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:40
Hitchcock (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:20-9:50
Hotel Transylvania (G) Fri 1:50-4:20-7:20 Sat-Sun 11:40-1:50-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:20
Parental Guidance (G) Fri 1:55-4:25-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:25-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:25-7:10-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri 1:40-4-7:05-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:40-4-7:05-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:40-4-7:05-9:25
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lena Dunham. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lena Dunham skewers Rihanna over behaviour

Girls creator and star Lena Dunham is no stranger to criticism, but now she's going on the attack, chastising Rihanna for the messages the pop singer sends young fans with her behaviour.

"I just think about how many little girls beyond what I could even comprehend are obsessed with Rihanna," Dunham tells Alec Baldwin during a chat for his Here's the Thing podcast.

"She left Barbados, she's had this amazing career, she's won a Grammy. She's talented. And then she gets back together with Chris Brown and posts a million pictures of them smoking marijuana together on a bed. And it cracks my heart in half in a way that makes me feel like I'm 95 years old."

Lindsay Lohan

SXSW pans Lohan's latest flick

Lindsay Lohan's latest bid at a big-screen comeback is having trouble getting off the ground.

Her racy and controversial film The Canyons was rejected by the Sundance Film Festival earlier this month, and now it appears the South by Southwest (SXSW) festival in Austin, Texas, wants nothing to do with the film either, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Sources say the film suffers from significant "quality issues" and has "an ugliness and a deadness to it."

The Word

Kristen Bell terrified of her impending childbirth

Kristen Bell seemed to hint during an interview with Ellen DeGeneres that she's going to give birth to a boy, but the House of Lies star kept coy with a "maybe" when pressed.

Bell had said that fiancéé Dax Shepard was looking forward to "all the off-roading he'll have in this tiny partner," but she says that doesn't mean it couldn't be a daughter.

"Do you have to be a boy to off-road? Absolutely not!" Bell said. "I think he's going to force (the baby), even if it's a sloth, to off-road."

One thing Bell was willing to admit, though, is that she's not looking forward to labour.

"I've got nothing to prove" by having natural childbirth, she said. "I feel like, when I arrive at the hospital, I want a glass of whiskey, I want the epidural in my back and I want to get hit in the face with a baseball bat and wake me up when it's over because I've seen the videos, and it looks terrifying."

Quoted

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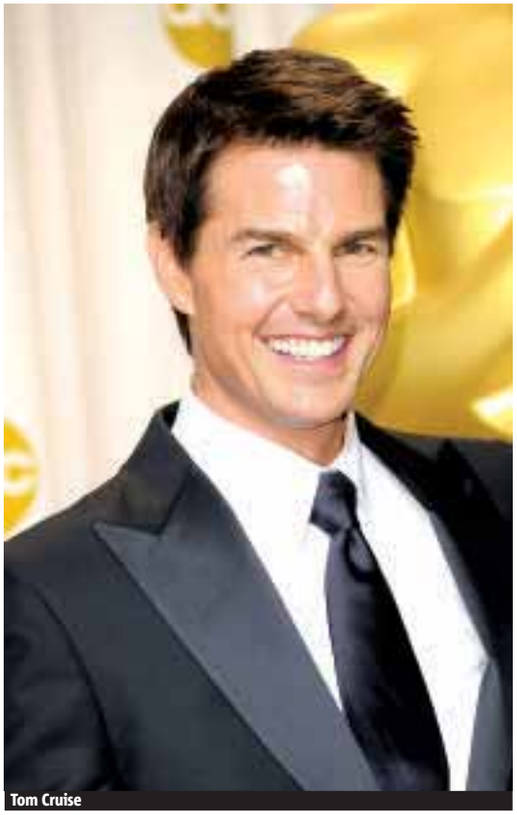
Kristen Bell
Talking about the upcoming birth of her first child



Tom Cruise

Cruise at the heart of Scientology's strategy

Tom Cruise isn't only the most famous Scientologist, he's also the most important figure in the controversial religion.

"There's nobody more important in Scientology since L. Ron Hubbard. He's the front of Scientology," Lawrence Wright, author of Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief, tells E! News.

He also says having a movie star as the face of Scientology was always part of the plan.

"From the very beginning of the Church of Scientology, they established it in Los Angeles, they created the Celebrity Center there in Hollywood, and the whole goal was to take over the entertainment industry and use celebrities as kind of a product endorsement for their brand," Wright says.

Quoted

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Author of the book Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief.

Twitter

@ElizabethHurley
Who thought Ugg boots were made in Australia? Just saw mine are made in China.

@idinamenzel
Mention of Stonewall in president's inauguration speech is still buzzing for me. Incredible

@ParisHilton
About to start planning my birthday party and trying to figure out a fun theme. Anyone have any cool theme ideas for my party?

@ricky_martin
Need to work on my Australian slang!

Liquid Assets

Cheers to Robert Burns

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I have fond memories of Robert Burns.

Growing up in Halifax, it was a standard post-Saturday-night-on-the-town ritual to enjoy a little fast food in Victoria Park, along Spring Garden Road, before the walk home. The best seat in the house was along the pedestal of the life size monument to the bard that's been standing there since 1919.

Though I don't remember drinking much in the way of Scottish booze back in the day, I'll be raising a glass of something tonight in celebration of Robert Burns Day.

Scotland's claim to liquid fame is scotch — a polarizing whisky typically drunk straight. Rich, aggressive and swimming in personality, it can be a hard glass to swallow for most.

A fine dram to get your palate wet is Bowmore 12 Year Old ($45.99 to $64.99); the first recorded single malt distillery (back in 1779) on the island of Islay.

Softer than your average Islay whisky, it offers a rounded, honeyed malt flavour massaged by hints of the classic smoky/peaty character that's made the island famous.

If the thought of drinking scotch without mix doesn't blow your bagpipe, try softening the spirit by adding a touch of spring water.

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This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Southern flavours are a fiesta for taste buds

Tex-Mex Flank Steak with Corn Salsa.

Bursting with flavours, this dish will be just as good the next day

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With the sauce and corn salsa accompaniment, this is a great Southwestern dish. Sautéing the corn gives it a barbecued flavour.

Be sure to allow time for marinating the steak. Leftovers taste just as good the next day; either reheat gently or serve at room temperature.

1. Whisk the barbecue sauce, vinegar, molasses and hot pepper sauce in a bowl. Place the flank steak in a shallow, non-reactive baking dish and pour the sauce over the steak. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

2. For the salsa, spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil. Place over medium heat, and sauté the corn and red pepper until the corn begins to brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in the beans, onion and cilantro. Set aside.

3. Remove the steak from the marinade, and set the marinade aside in a small saucepan.

4. Preheat the barbecue or a non-stick grill pan to medium-high and spray with cooking oil. Cook the beef over medium-high heat for 5 to 8 minutes per side, or until it's done to your liking.

5. While the steak is cooking, bring the reserved marinade to a boil and boil for 5 minutes. Serve the steak with the sauce and salsa on the side. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp molasses
- 1/4 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 1 1/2 lb flank steak

Salsa

- 1 cup canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro

Get your guac on

Give guacamole a boost with a few different flavour combinations that are still very simple to make.

Ingredients

Base Guacamole

- 4 Hass avocados, skins and pits removed
- 4 tsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 ground black pepper

Base Guacamole

1. In a medium bowl, use a fork or potato masher to mash the avocados. The guacamole should be mostly smooth, but with visible chunks. Mix in the lime juice, cumin, salt and pepper. Proceed with the recipe using one of the following mix-in combinations.

Chipotle Corn Guacamole

1. In a medium skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add 1/4 cup diced red onion, 1 cup of corn kernels (if canned, drain them very well) and 3 minced cloves of garlic. Sauté for 2 minutes, then remove from the heat and let cool. Stir in 1 diced canned chipotle pepper (packed in adobo sauce). Stir the mixture into the base guacamole recipe, as well as 1 tablespoon (more or less, to taste) of the adobo sauce from the can.

Shrimp and Mango Guacamole

1. Thaw a 9-ounce bag frozen cooked and peeled baby shrimp, then drain and pat them dry. Peel 1 mango, then cut the flesh away from the pit. Finely chop the mango, then stir it, the shrimp and a hefty splash of hot sauce into the base guacamole recipe.

This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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4 SPORTS

Olympics

Canadian athletes get $40M for 2014 Sochi Games

The federal government is priming the financial pump for Canada's athletes with the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, just over a year away.

Bal Gosal, the minister of state for sport, says that almost $40 million will be spent on Canada's winter athletes this winter.

Anne Merklinger, the head of Own the Podium, says that's more money going into an Olympic and Paralympic Games than ever before.

Many of Canada's winter athletes have world championships coming up in the next few weeks.

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NHL

Stars extend 5-year deal to Benn

Jamie Benn and the Dallas Stars agreed to a $26.25-million US, five-year contract on Thursday night.

The all-star centre gets $5.25 million each season, with the first year of the deal pro-rated because of the NHL lockout.

The 23-year-old Benn was a restricted free agent who set career highs with 26 goals, 37 assists and 63 points for the Stars last season.

"We know how important he is to our hockey club and at the end of the day, it's the right thing," Dallas general manager Joe Nieuwendyk said. "It's good for our hockey club, it's great for Jamie."

Benn played 19 games for the Hamburg Freezers in Germany during the lockout this season, compiling seven goals and 20 points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Islanders forward Matt Moulson scores on Ben Scrivens on Thursday in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Islanders give Leafs a rude awakening

NHL. Grabner scores twice as Islanders rally for big win in Toronto

Matt Moulson and Michael Grabner had two goals each as the New York Islanders rallied for a 7-4 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Moulson had one of three third-period goals for the Islanders (2-1), who overcame a 3-1 first-period deficit to earn the win before an Air Canada Centre gathering of 19,125. Grabner, with two, and Keith Aucoin also scored in the third for New York.

On Thursday

7	4
Islanders	Leafs

Toronto (2-2) fell to 0-2 on home ice this season and returned to the ACC following a solid 5-2 road victory in Pittsburgh on Wednesday night. But that didn't impress some Leafs fans, who began to chant "Let's go Blue Jays" with 2:40 remaining.

Grabner gave New York a 4-3 lead at 3:27 of the third, firing a wicked wrist shot past Ben Scrivens for his second of the season before Aucoin scored his first just 1:08 later to put the Islanders ahead 5-3. That was it for Scrivens, who allowed five goals on 20 shots in his third start of the season.

Scrivens was replaced by James Reimer, who got the win in Pittsburgh. But Reimer was beaten cleanly by Moulson's wrist shot at 11:20 for his second of the season.

The Islanders were playing for the first time since beating Tampa Bay 4-3 on Monday and opened a five-game, eight-day road trip against Toronto.

Matt Frattin's goal at 17:47 made it 6-4 and gave the Leafs forward three points after being recalled from the AHL's Toronto Marlies earlier Thursday. Grabner added a short-handed empty-net goal at 18:50.

Mark Streit and former Leaf Brad Boyes had the other goals for the Islanders.

Carl Gunnarsson, Nazem Kadri and Mikhail Grabovski also scored for Toronto.

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Changing stripes. Hornets swapped out for Pelicans

Hornets owner Tom Benson is changing his team's nickname to the Pelicans.

The Hornets announced Thursday they are making the change. The NBA still has to approve it, but commissioner David Stern has said he wouldn't object. The league is expected to expedite the change at the start of next season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Owner Tom Benson reveals the Pelicans logo. GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Flyers earn first win of season versus Rangers

Wayne Simmonds and Jakub Voracek scored to help the Philadelphia Flyers win their first game of the season, 2-1, over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

The Flyers not only avoided their first 0-4 start in team history, they beat the Rangers for the first time in two seasons. The Rangers defeated the Flyers six times last season, including the Winter Classic.

Both teams are last in the Atlantic Division at 1-3.

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MLB. Upton brothers join forces with Atlanta Braves

Justin Upton is having a family reunion in Atlanta.

Arizona traded its star right-fielder to the Braves on Thursday in a seven-player deal that sent former all-star infielder Martin Prado to the Diamondbacks.

For the first time since he was a high school freshman, Upton will have older brother B.J. Upton as a teammate.

The brothers combine with Jason Heyward, who won a Gold Glove in 2012.

"If we push ourselves to the next level, I feel with the extra push from each other there's no question we can be the best outfield in baseball," Justin Upton said in a telephone interview. "I'm not going to give us that label until we prove it." The Braves also get third baseman Chris Johnson and are giving up one of their top pitching prospects, Randall Delgado, and three minor leaguers in the deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I said, 'You must be ecstatic to be able to play with your brother'.... It's got to be a great thrill for him."

Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson on speaking to Justin Upton

In this Sept. 11, 2011, file photo, Jackie and Jack Harbaugh, parents of San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh and Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh, stand before a game between the 49ers and the Seattle Seahawks in San Francisco. The entire Harbaugh family already got its Super Bowl victory last Sunday, when each coach did his part to ensure a family reunion in New Orleans next week. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Harbaughs in stands vow to stay neutral

Super Bowl 47 lead-up. Family of Ravens and 49ers coaches not saying where they'll be sitting on game day

Jackie Harbaugh will wear a neutral-colored outfit, still to be determined. Her daughter, Joani Crean, little sister to coaching brothers John and Jim Harbaugh, plans to sport all black at the Super Bowl to show no allegiances whatsoever.

"I am wearing whatever fits that day," Crean quipped.

The entire Harbaugh family — a close-knit, hyper-competitive crew that also includes Indiana basketball coach Tom Crean — realizes it has already won big. They got their Super Bowl victory on Sunday, when each coach did his part to ensure a family reunion in New Orleans next week, with John's Baltimore Ravens facing off against Jim's San Francisco 49ers in the first Super Bowl with sibling coaches on opposite sidelines.

One Harbaugh will haul home the Lombardi Trophy from the Big Easy.

And, no, the family members haven't decided where to sit for the Feb. 3 NFL title game at the Superdome — or at least they aren't revealing it if they have.

"We are neutral in the Super Bowl, and we are just excited that they have brought their teams to the pinnacle of sports," Jackie Harbaugh said Thursday. "The Super Bowl is the ultimate accomplishment for them and for their teams and for all of the extended football family and all of the teams who have participated in this great game. We are excited for that type of thing."

Her sons, all of 15 months apart, have tried to downplay this matchup from the moment it developed — each wanting to keep the focus on the players, on the field.

Fortunately for the Harbaugh folks, they've been through this once before, albeit on a slightly smaller stage: Prime time on Thanksgiving night 2011. John's Ravens won 16-6 at home.

"We experienced that last year at Thanksgiving," Jack Harbaugh said, "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

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Quoted

"I am going to be neutral in the game, and I know one is going to win and one is going to lose, but I would really like to end in a tie. Can the NFL do that?"

Jackie Harbaugh, mother of John and Jim Harbaugh, jokes about watching the Super Bowl.

Relationship hoax. Te'o plays voice mails from 'girlfriend' on Couric show

The person Manti Te'o says was pretending to be his online girlfriend told the Notre Dame linebacker "I love you" in voice mails played during his interview with Katie Couric.

Taped earlier this week and broadcast Thursday, the hour-long show featured three voice mails that Te'o claims were left for him last year. Te'o said they were from the person he believed to be Lennay Kekua, a woman he had fallen for online but never met face-to-face.

After the first message was played, Te'o said: "It sounds like a girl, doesn't it?"

"It does," Couric responded.

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The interview was the All-American's first on camera since his tale of inspired play after the deaths of his grandmother and girlfriend on the same day in September unravelled as a hoax by Deadspin.com on Jan. 16.

Couric addressed speculation the tale was concocted by Te'o as a way to cover up his sexual orientation. Asked if he were gay, Te'o said "no" with a laugh. "Far from it. Faaaar from that."

He also said he was "scared" and "didn't know what to do" after receiving a call on Dec. 6 — two days before the Heisman Trophy presentation — from a person who claimed to be his "dead" girlfriend.

The first voice mail was from what was supposed to be Kekua's first day of chemotherapy for leukemia.

"Hi, I am just letting you know I got here and I'm getting ready for my first session and, um, just want to call you to keep you posted. I miss you. I love you. Bye," the person said.

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NBA. DeRozan delivers dazzling final shot as Raptors douse Magic in Orlando

On Thursday

Raptors	Magic
97	95

DeMar DeRozan swished a fadeaway jumper at the buzzer as the Toronto Raptors fought off a late-game charge by the Orlando Magic to earn a 97-95 victory on Thursday night.

It was a wild offensive night on both ends, featuring 12 lead changes and 12 players reaching double figures.

DeRozan led Toronto with 22 points, followed by Amir Johnson with 21 points and 10 rebounds. It was Johnson's sixth double-double of the season.

The victory gave the Raptors a four-game season sweep of the Magic, who dropped their fourth game in a row.

Nikola Vucevic led Orlando with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Arron Afflalo added 16 points and Glen Davis had 15.

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Magic forward Glen Davis goes up for a shot over Toronto's Ed Davis on Thursday in Orlando, Fla. PHELAN M. EBENHACK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
NY Islanders	3	2	1	0	12	9	4
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	0	11	9	4
Philadelphia	4	1	3	0	5	12	2
NY Rangers	4	1	3	0	9	14	2

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Ottawa	3	3	0	0	11	2	6
Boston	3	2	0	1	8	6	5
Montreal	3	2	1	0	9	4	4
Buffalo	3	2	1	0	10	9	4
Toronto	4	2	2	0	12	12	4

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	13	8	4
Winnipeg	3	1	1	1	6	8	3
Carolina	3	1	2	0	8	12	2
Florida	4	1	3	0	7	12	2
Washington	3	0	3	0	6	14	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	3	3	0	0	14	8	6
St. Louis	3	2	1	0	12	6	4
Nashville	3	1	0	2	8	8	4
Columbus	3	1	1	1	7	11	3
Detroit	3	1	2	0	5	11	2

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	3	2	1	0	6	5	4
Vancouver	3	1	1	1	8	12	3
Colorado	2	1	1	0	5	5	2
Edmonton	2	1	1	0	6	8	2
Calgary	3	0	2	1	7	12	1

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	2	2	0	0	10	4	4
Anaheim	2	2	0	0	12	7	4
Dallas	3	2	1	0	6	5	4
Phoenix	3	1	2	0	12	11	2
Los Angeles	2	0	2	0	3	8	0

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Thursday's results
NY Islanders 7 Toronto 4
Montreal 4 Washington 1
Carolina 6 Buffalo 3
Philadelphia 2 NY Rangers 1
Ottawa 3 Florida 1
Nashville at St. Louis
Chicago at Dallas
Columbus at Colorado
Los Angeles at Edmonton
Phoenix at San Jose

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Saturday's games
Colorado at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Toronto at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP — WTA
AUSTRALIAN OPEN
At Melbourne, Australia

WOMEN
Singles — Semifinals
Li Na (6), China, def. Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Sloane Stephens (29), United States, 6-1, 6-4.

MEN
Singles — Semifinals
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. David Ferrer (4), Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles — Semifinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.
Robin Haase and Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (3), Spain, 7-5, 6-4.

NFL

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 27 — All Times Eastern
At Honolulu, Hawaii
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLVII
Sunday, Feb. 3 At New Orleans, La.
Baltimore vs. San Francisco, 6 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	12	.692	—
New York	25	14	.641	2
Brooklyn	26	16	.619	2 1/2
Chicago	25	16	.610	3
Indiana	26	17	.605	3
Atlanta	24	18	.571	4 1/2
Milwaukee	22	18	.550	5 1/2
Boston	20	21	.488	8
Philadelphia	17	25	.405	11 1/2
Detroit	16	26	.381	12 1/2
Toronto	**16**	**27**	**.372**	**13**
Orlando	14	28	.333	14 1/2
Cleveland	11	32	.256	18
Charlotte	10	32	.238	18 1/2
Washington	9	31	.225	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	33	10	.767	—
San Antonio	34	11	.756	—
L.A. Clippers	32	11	.744	1
Memphis	27	14	.659	5
Golden State	26	15	.634	6
Denver	26	18	.591	7 1/2
Utah	23	19	.548	9 1/2
Portland	21	21	.500	11 1/2
Houston	22	22	.500	11 1/2
Minnesota	17	22	.436	14
Dallas	18	24	.429	14 1/2
L.A. Lakers	17	25	.405	15 1/2
Sacramento	16	27	.372	17
Phoenix	14	28	.333	18 1/2
New Orleans	14	28	.333	18 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Thursday's results
Toronto 97 Orlando 95
New York at Boston
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix

Wednesday's results
Atlanta 104 Charlotte 92
Miami 123 **Toronto 116** (OT)
Brooklyn 91 Minnesota 83
Denver 105 Houston 95
Memphis 106 L.A. Lakers 93
Chicago 85 Detroit 82
San Antonio 106 New Orleans 102
Utah 92 Washington 88
Portland 100 Indiana 80
Phoenix 106 Sacramento 96
Golden State 104 Oklahoma City 99

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Golden State at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
So long as you enjoy what you are doing, you won't care in the slightest what other people think. Life is simply too short to worry about whether the world sees you as a "good guy" or a "bad guy".

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The only danger today is that because you insist on everything being thought out and planned in advance you might lose the spark of spontaneity that turns good ideas into great ideas. Be more open to alternative viewpoints.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Today's Sun-Uranus link is sure to change your life for the better in some way. Exactly how and to what extent is impossible to know but by this time tomorrow you will have both a wider and deeper view of reality.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't limit yourself to tried and trusted methods. Try something new for a change. Uranus, planet of changes, is urging you to be a bit more adventurous, especially on the work front where you should be taking the lead.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You must live up to your beliefs, even if it brings you into conflict with people you would prefer not to make enemies of. You are entitled to think for yourself and to express your opinions, loudly if needs be.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have been ignoring a number of warning signals and that's not a good idea. Today's Sun-Uranus link will again indicate where you have been going wrong and this time you must take appropriate action.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to exert yourself too much today. Given the choice between doing more or doing less, choose the latter without hesitation. You've done your bit, so treat yourself to a break.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you are typical of your sign, you sometimes find it hard to think outside certain limits or boundaries. But, today's Sun-Uranus link will shatter any barriers that are holding you back. The word "impossible" should not exist.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You could easily mislead yourself today about an issue that seems unimportant but is likely to have far-reaching consequences. Check every relevant fact. Don't take anything on trust, not even what your own senses tell you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Forget about perfection today. Just aim to be as good as you can be at what you do and be happy with that. It's always good to set yourself new goals but it's not good to make them unreachable.

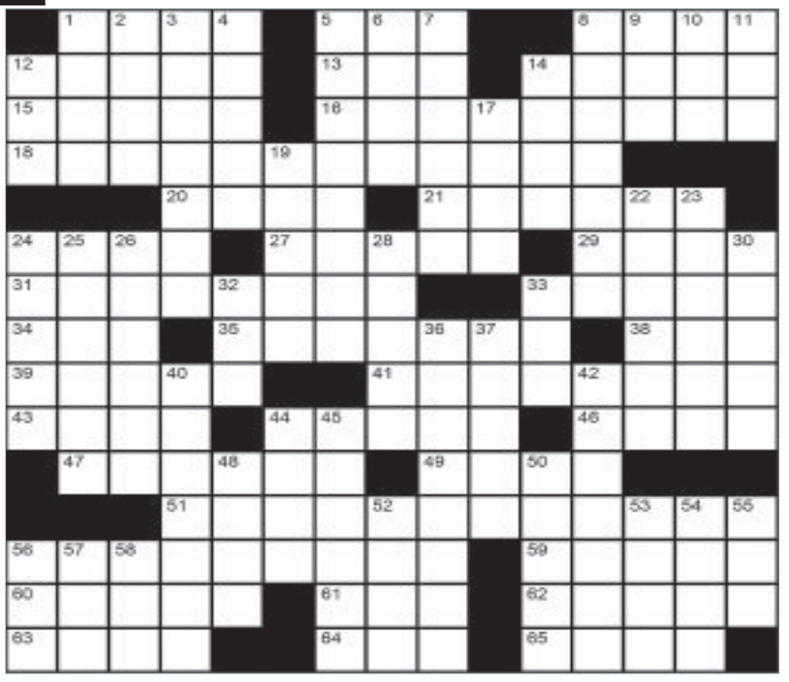
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The Sun in your sign makes a positive link to your ruling planet Uranus today, which in plain language means that all your best traits will come to the forefront. Others will see you as some kind of genius.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You must not be indecisive today, because an opportunity will arrive out of the blue and if you don't make use of it immediately it will pass you by just as quickly. You may not feel confident, but act as if you are.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across

1. "Piano Man" Billy
5. Sea: French
8. Hong __
12. Valley of BC, Bella __
13. Wonderment
14. __ Vanilli
15. Commencement
16. Canadian singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
18. "Hansel & Gretel __ __" (2013)
20. Abound
21. Madonna's 1996 title role's namesakes
24. Irving Wallace novel, __ _ Document
27. Start of a challenge: 2 wds.
29. Dr. Frankenstein's pal
31. "The Matrix __" (2003)
33. Terminate
34. Music's __ Young Band
35. Movie studio
38. "__ _ Have to Say the Words?" by Bryan Adams
39. Ms. Tyler (of CBS' "The Talk")
41. Vito Corleone's gig: 2 wds.
43. Capital of Qatar
44. "Ocean __" by 54-40
46. Truck types
47. Late-Medieval war helmet
49. 'Exfol' ending
51. "Hockey Night in Canada" feature: 2 wds.
56. 90-second healthy living TV spot
59. Contaminate
60. Destiny's Child, and others
61. __-la-la
62. Ms. Macphail, Canada's first woman MP, in 1921
63. Fridge's friend
64. Ruler measurements [abbr.]
65. Shakespearean King

Down

1. Music's Ms. Mitchell
2. Flemish painter, Jacob van __ the Elder
3. Music genre, __-pop
4. Workshop machine
5. Shaun of "This Hour Has 22 Minutes"
6. Mr. McGregor
7. Tenant
8. Actress Ms. Alley
9. Not new
10. Atlanta Braves' baseball div.
11. __ rummy
12. Moo-er
14. Great Big Sea song: "__-Mac"
17. Ms. Campbell
19. Reality star Ms. Montag
22. "In-_-__-Da-Vida" by Iron Butterfly
23. "Must you leave __ __?"
24. Sole pattern
25. Charioteering sun god
26. Ms. Cuthbert of ABC's "Happy Endings"
28. Commander __ (Lorne Greene's role on the late-1970s version of "Battlestar Galactica")
30. Harnesses
32. Grammy competitor, commonly
33. Gladiator's 111
36. Actress Ms. Hargitay's
37. What the insurance commercials duck says
40. Brit singer Ellie Goulding's current album
42. Norm
44. Particular fruit
45. "Yada, Yada...": 2 wds.
48. High-arc tennis shots
50. "__ Recall" (1990)
52. Damage
53. Fashion brand, __ Ricci
54. Power, for short
55. Lefts opp.
56. "Takin' Care of Business" gr.
57. Popcorn's Mr. Redenbacher, for short
58. Board game cube

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

						6	1	
9		7	8	1				
			7	5				8
	9	8					6	1
3								4
2	4					7	9	
1				4	3			
				6	2	8		3
	6	3						

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	9	5	1	2	3	7	6
3	6	2	9	7	4	5	1	8
7	5	1	6	3	8	4	9	2
1	3	4	8	5	7	6	2	9
2	9	8	4	6	3	7	5	1
5	7	6	2	9	1	8	3	4
8	4	7	1	2	5	9	6	3
9	1	3	7	4	6	2	8	5
6	2	5	3	8	9	1	4	7

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